

## Substance Abuse in Older Adults: Diagnosis and Treatment



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April 12- Module I: Overview and Prevention

April 19- Module II: Assessment and Diagnosis

April 26- Module III: Treatment

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## Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the broadcast the Learner will:

- Recognize the epidemiology of problem drinking and substance abuse among older adults.
- Describe the barriers to the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol and other drugs in older adults.
- Describe the age-related changes that affect the response to alcohol and other drugs in older adults.
- Analyze the dangers of drug-alcohol interactions in older adults.
- Describe the consequences when alcohol/substance abuse problems in older adults go untreated.
- Describe how to incorporate alcohol/substance abuse/mental health assessment into a comprehensive geriatric assessment.
- Recognize the importance and complexity of making a differential diagnosis in older patients with alcohol/substance abuse problems.
- Analyze how alcohol-induced cognitive impairment differs in older vs. younger patients.
- Analyze how to distinguish alcohol-related persistent dementia from Alzheimer's disease.
- Analyze how to distinguish symptoms of alcohol-induced depression from major co-morbid depression.
- Describe the traditional (twelve step, social work/case management, counseling/client-center/psychodynamic) and alternative (cognitive behavioral and self-management or relapse prevention) approaches to the treatment of alcohol/substance abuse problems in older adults.

*"Learn About Challenges of Substance Abuse In Older Patients"*

## Accreditation/ Approval

Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)

The VA Employee Education System is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

VA Employee Education System is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

American Psychological Association (APA)

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Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

The California Board of Behavioral Sciences (CASWB)

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The California Board of Behavioral Sciences (CASWB)

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## Report of Training

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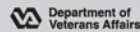
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## About Geriatric Education Centers

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